

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

July 11, 2022

Meeting called to order by Vice President Aaron Helus at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bledsoe, Isaia Aricayos, Christie Gabel, Ken Vaughn and Lauren Devers

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Jenette Masarie, Hannah Swanbom and Cheryl

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bridget Holcomb, Cody LeBlanc and Commissioner Perry Buck

Agenda: No changes

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Tom Bledsoe, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner Buck – nothing to report from the Commissioners
- 2) Royalty Presentation – presentation by full court, a lot of activities were held and completed in June; Stampede parade went well; July is full of event planned as well

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Avian Influenza – no poultry on premises, virtual poultry show this year for Fair; online form to be submitted by Sunday; judge will not be on premises, only virtual
- 2) ADA Update – signs have been delivered and received, next livestock meeting Jenette will reach out to interested parties to discuss changes for this year's fair as a starting point to improvements; signs need to set up, security committee volunteers will be asked to help

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Committee Reports (Board representation assignments drawn from hat annually)
 - a. Appreciation Lunches/Fair BBQ – **Aaron Helus** – Bridget and Cody – pulled pork, beans, sauce, onions, chips, etc. company bringing all of it; lunches are set up, number have been received
 - b. Premier Exhibitor – **Isaia Aricayos** – Gus Sidwell/Bridget Holcomb – need to make decision on prizes
 - c. Carcass Contest – **Isaia Aricayos** – Larry Hooker/Christie Campbell – set to go, signed contract with company, exhibitors will get cards at weigh-in and check-in, procedures are online and added to schedule; prices have increased to \$8 and \$12 (smaller and large animals); Fair pays for first animal
 - d. All Around Showmanship – **Christie Gabel** – Debbie Carpio – all set and ready to go
 - e. SNOW – **Christie Gabel** – Bridget and Cody – tents are contracted and scheduled; Royalty will interview with K99 for Fair as part of marketing package with Townsquare Media; Drug Testing SOP presentation by Christie Gabel; contracted veterinary services will gather samples and keep chain of custody; will need help from superintendents; results will be provided within 10 days, positive tests notifications to board first, then family; the family can request back-up samples tested at their expense (approx. \$500); cattle, lamb, and goat harvested at Double J;

hogs at Valley Packing; MOTION by Ken Vaughn to accept Drug Testing SOP as submitted, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed

- f. Education – **Eli Hatch** – Jennifer Seltzer – need volunteers, informational area and supplies available
- g. Jr Livestock Sale – **Eli Hatch** – Board – banners will be ordered for grands and reserves; poultry grand and reserves will go to sale
- h. Security – **Ken Vaughn** – Bridget Holcomb – signs ordered and will be set up, finalizing budget, not sure what will be donated for sheriff's posse
- i. Royalty – **Tom Bledsoe** – Bridget Holcomb – nothing additional to present; 2 of current 4 members have applied, 3 additional candidates have applied for next year; judges and committee members will be deciding and interviewing for next year; looking for king candidates
- j. Junior Livestock Animal Health – **Lauren Devers** – Bridget Holcomb – SOP being developed for hiring judges in the future

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Fair coordinator help – swine breeders reached out to board, asked them to help with donating shavings again; may need volunteers for check-in; three classifiers for animals; open show will need helpers; Tuesday 7/26 need helps for horse show; 7 teams are signed up for ranch rodeo
- 2) Ranch Rodeo has not been published as a cost for admission, MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to have free admission to the Ranch Rodeo; second by Isaia Aricayos, motion passed.
- 3) Next Fair Board meeting will be July 27-30 @ 1 PM, lunch provided prior to meetings

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Meeting adjourned by Aaron Helus at 7:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Isaia K Aricayos
Weld County Fair Board Secretary